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In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. Weekly prices were higher on all sizes in the Southeast. Elsewhere, prices were higher on the larger sizes, but unchanged on the lighter weights when compared to a week earlier. The market tone continued steady to firm with the larger sizes in the strongest position. Retail and distributive demand was light to good. Supplies ranged sufficient to tight for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate for the slow to fairly good demand. Light type fowl were about sufficient for normal to reduced processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest regional prices were 3 cents higher for extra large and large with the remainder of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for the larger sizes and steady for mediums. Retail demand was moderate to good, and better into scattered features. Loose egg trading was light to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight with demand quiet as most observers assess their particular needs and the market place. Floor stocks closely balanced with schedules reduced. Trade sentiment fully steady to instances firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	92-100	95-98
LARGE	91-99	92-97
MEDIUM	84-92	87-89

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	74-78
MEDIUM	67-71
SMALL	43-47

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on larger sizes, but unchanged on medium when compared to previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to instances firm entering the week. Demand was in a full range of light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to close for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate for the moderate to fairly good demand. Spent hen offerings were limited, but usually about adequate for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	96-110	99-103
LARGE	92-107	97-101
MEDIUM	84-99	89-91

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices on extra large and large increased 5 cents, mediums unchanged. Trade sentiment in a full range, steady to firm. Retail demand in a full range, light to good, best where attractive features are a factor. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies are adequate to tight for all sizes as packers are holding inventories with confidence.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	98.5-107	100-103
LARGE	96.5-105	98-101
MEDIUM	86.5-95	88-91

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm beginning the week. Demand was light to good. Supplies were sufficient to tight with the lighter weights in the longest position. Breaking stock demand was moderate to fairly good for adequate to tight offerings. Light type fowl were about sufficient for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95.25-112	102-105
LARGE	93.25-106	100-103
MEDIUM	87.25-95	88-92

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to occasionally firm entering the week. Demand ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were reported as adequate on mediums and in close balance on larger sizes.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	106-110
LARGE	104-108
MEDIUM	96-100

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was fully steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, instances good where features are in progress or planned. Supplies of larger sized eggs close, lighter weight eggs mixed.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	97-103
LARGE	96-101
MEDIUM	90-97

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WESTERN Prices unchanged to 1 cent higher on jumbo, 2-3 cents higher on extra large, 3 cents higher on large, and unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 5% higher than last Monday with California up 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 1%. Retailer demand improved. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, 3 cents higher on large, and unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 7% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand improved. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 101. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen and 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 199.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	139
EXTRA LARGE	138
LARGE	130
MEDIUM	121

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	279-339	JUMBO	279-349
EXTRA LARGE	269-329	EXTRA LARGE	269-329
LARGE	229-289	LARGE	239-299
MEDIUM	129-269	MEDIUM	199-269

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 31, 2003 will decrease by 10 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 24, 2003 were 219,557 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 5 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	183,967	35,590	219,557
% change from the prior week.....	-9	-19	-10

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings very tight to non-existent. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	80-83	82
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	64-70	66

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Supplies of finished product was clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were less than normal to normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 27-OCT-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9	8.25-8.5	8.39
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings from production areas. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-OCT-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.25	8-9	8.71

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM OCT 27, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO Northeast	SO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.0	15.3	8.6	14.0	12.3	61.2
	Change	-1.8	-2.6	0.0	0.0	0.7	-6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.2	48.6	12.5	24.0	39.7	155.0
	Change	5.2	-7.7	-3.4	5.8	4.0	3%
Large	Curr Wk	59.4	107.4	96.4	103.5	121.1	487.8
	Change	8.1	9.1	8.1	26.3	1.4	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.2	46.3	20.4	20.6	27.8	128.3
	Change	0.6	-4.2	3.4	2.6	-0.8	1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.5	6.2	2.4	6.2	4.1	23.4
	Change	-0.3	0.6	-1.7	0.3	2.1	5%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	19.7	8.6	11.0	5.6	49.5
	Change	-0.4	3.5	1.6	2.0	-0.3	15%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.1	23.6	15.6	23.9	34.1	124.3
	Change	9.1	-1.2	-2.3	-1.9	3.2	6%
Total	Curr Wk	150.0	267.1	164.5	203.2	244.7	1029.5
Percent	Change	16%	-1%	4%	21%	4%	7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,029.5	7%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	212.0	-10%	36

Total Shell Egg	1,241.5	4%	207
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197.2	194.1	185.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 13, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 24, 2003

CURRENT LOADS								16.00	FUTURE LOADS								11.00	TOTAL LOADS								27.00
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST											
GNR W 1	—	—	81.50	83.00	—	—	1.00		GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	96.25	1.00									
GL W J	—	—	—	—	84.00	—	1.00		GL W XL	86.00	—	—	—	—	—	94.00	5.00									
GL W XL	—	94.00	89.67	91.67	84.00	—	5.00		GL W LG	—	92.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00									
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	84.00	—	4.00																			
GL W MD	—	—	81.00	83.00	—	—	4.00																			
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	81.00	84.50	9.00																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/20/03-10/24/03

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS					
65.00								59.75				124.75					
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	80.00	84.00	80.33	81.75	—	—	6.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	96.13	3.50		
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	86.33	86.00	—	—	—	93.67	13.00		
GL W J	—	—	95.00	97.00	83.58	—	4.00	GL W LG	85.00	91.56	—	—	90.00	91.32	14.25		
GL W XL	—	95.60	88.36	89.51	85.55	87.00	43.00	GL W MD	79.00	81.50	—	—	—	85.26	10.50		
GL W LG	—	93.26	83.25	88.80	83.73	85.60	34.00	GL W SM	56.00	60.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL W MD	—	—	79.25	81.00	75.50	83.00	14.25										
GL W SM	—	—	57.75	59.50	60.00	—	3.00										
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	82.00	2.50										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	80.60	82.21	46.50										
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	81.82	3.50										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	74.00	2.25										
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	71.00	.50										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/20/03	10/13/03	10/21/02
PACIFIC COAST	131	133	496
LOS ANGELES	74	74	396

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland:	10/12/03-10/18/03
30-dozen case	7,055
Receipts from the mainland:	10/05/03-10/11/03
30-dozen case	7,379

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on all sizes. The supply is adequate to meet the moderate to good demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	114.63
LARGE	112.63
MEDIUM	107.63
SMALL	82.00

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